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ism in its most arrogant, offensive, and tyrannical form was rampant; turmoil among the political factions was incessant; as a rule, party leaders were running a neck-and-neck race in truckling to the rabble; cowardly ministers had crowded one another out in rapid succession, and civil government was a mockery.

After the first trial and condemnation of Dreyfus matters went from bad to worse, and the best friends of France could not shut their eyes to the fact that the nation seemed to be rushing to a cataclysm. None would have been surprised to see the terrible scenes of the first revolution or the commune repeated at any time. Finally, when it had been determined to return Dreyfus from Devil's Island for retrial, the situation had reached such a state of acuteness and uncertainty that no man could tell what a day would bring forth. The issue was fairly joined between the civil and the military powers, with the one desperate and having a firm grip upon the masses of the people, and the other, to all appearances, emasculated from having been so long under lock.

The direct product of this situation and the indirect product of the Dreyfus agitation was the Waldeck-Rousseau cabinet. And though this patch-work ministry was about the only one possible under the circumstances—though, indeed, its formation was, in a sense, the logical outcome of the situation, if France was to have any government at all—it was freely predicted that its life would be ephemeral. And doubtless it would have been but for one thing. It was necessary to include General de Galliffet in the patch-work. France needed a strong man, and she found him in that dashing, resolute, cavalry officer, who had sustained "the honor of the French army" on more than one battlefield, and had not hesitated to mow down a mob of Paris Anarchists and cut-throats with grape and canister. As Minister of War he became the centre of the patch-work and imparted harmony to the whole. Unmoved by the taunts of his former royalist associates, and contemptuously ignoring the insults of the extreme radicals, he addressed himself to enforcing republican principles. With iron hand he took by the throat army officers who were making themselves too effulgent in stirring up anti-Dreyfus sentiment, and who were suspected of being out of sympathy with the republic, and choked them into silence and discipline. Other officers whom he knew to be loyal to the republic and could be trusted he elevated. He wrested from the hands of a clique of high officers a patronage that could be used for bribery and corruption, and with consummate tact has gradually taught the rank and file of the army to realize that the military are the servants, and not the masters, of the people. In short, we are told that to-day the army, instead of being a menace to republican institutions, is rapidly becoming their bulwark, and that De Galliffet, despite his once royalist predilections, has accepted republicanism as a certainty, kept his oath in word and deed, and brought France nearer to being a true republic than she ever was before. So, we say, that whether Dreyfus presses his case further or not—whether he gets a formal endorsement of the world's verdict or not—his country owes him a debt of gratitude; for, primarily, he was the instrument in giving her the man for the hour of her extremity.

It now appears that Sampson, not satisfied with trying to take away from Schley the credit of sinking Cervera's fleet, would rob Shafter and the rest of the generals who participated in the Santiago campaign of the honor of forcing Toral to surrender. At Morgantown, W. Va., the other day Sampson, on the occasion of the presentation of a sword to Captain Chadwick, proceeded to make a speech. And, says the New York Times, in the course of his remarks he delighted the admirers of Captain Chadwick with the information that the Spanish General Toral was constrained to surrender Santiago, not by the menace of the arms of Shafter and Miles, but because of a demand written by Captain Chadwick, upon the advice of Rear-Admiral Sampson, and signed by General Shafter.

Wonder if we couldn't hire Sampson out to Great Britain or the Transvaal. Such all-around genius ought not to be allowed to rust.

An esteemed Imperialist contemporary is laboring to convince the South that annexation of the Philippines would be to the advantage of this section, because it would create a great market for our cotton goods. The same sort of imperialism was attempted in New England and brought forth from a New England cotton manufacturer, who had investigated the subject, the statement that a yard of cotton cloth would clothe the average Filipino family.

The President says expansion is already here, and has come to stay. This may be true, but it is also likely that expansion of the Republican sort will almost certainly force McKinley and his congeners out of position to do further imperialistic harm. The people can be fooled for awhile, but they cannot well be fooled all the time.

"Dollar Mark" Hanna is reported as diligently threatening his employees in Ohio with uncertain or irregular employment, or loss of employment entirely, unless they vote the Republican ticket next month. This looks as if the outlook were becoming a little hazy to the Republican high muckworm.

The North Carolina State Fair is now in full blast, and is reliably said to be one of the best of the long series of which it is a part. Both of the Raleigh morning papers, the News and Observer and the Post, came out in highly creditable special editions to honor the occasion of its opening.

The military balloon is to be brought into requisition by the British in South Africa, it seems, but we hope it doesn't mean that the British army is actually "going up."

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt has arrived in New York, but the provisions of the Vanderbilt will may not be known for a week yet, it is reported.

The Shamrock is a species of clover. But Sir Thomas Lipton's specimen doesn't seem to be of the four-leaved kind.

Dynamite and dum-dum bullets seem destined to play an important part in the South African war.

Three straight, now, is what the Columbians propose to make it.

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